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Applicant: William R. STOWELL, et al. : Confirmation No.: 1739
Serial No.: 10/604,740 : Group Art Unit: 1746
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REDUCING METAL OXIDES ON
SUPERALLOY ARTICLES

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 16, 2005, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the final rejection and a new non-final rejection with a new mailing date be issued.

The present application was filed with 20 claims. Claims 2, 4 and 17-20 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9 and 11 have been amended. New claims 21 - 26 have been added. No new claim fees are believed required. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the final rejection since several claims pending in the application, which have not been amended by the Applicant, have been finally rejected based on a new reference.

The present application has pending claims 1,3,5-16 and 21-26. The pending claims include Claims 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 which are the original claim filed in the application, and which have not been amended by the Applicant. All claims pending have been finally rejected by the Examiner in the instant action.

The table below lists these non-amended claims, along with the art cited in rejecting each of the claims in the first non-final rejection, and the art cited in rejecting each of the claims in the second final rejection.

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Claim	Art cited in 1st non-final rejection	Art cited in 1st non-final rejection
7	Dopper	Dopper and Wulff
8	Dopper and Gruner	Dopper and Wulff
10	Dopper and Gruner	Dopper and Wulff
12	Dopper and Cohen	Dopper and Cohen and Wulff
13	Dopper	Dopper and Wulff
14	Dopper and Cohen and Venus	Dopper, Cohen and Venus and Wulff
15	Dopper and Gruner	Dopper and Wulff
16	Dopper and Gruner	Dopper and Wulff

Applicants note that the reference Wulff has substantively the same prior art disclosure as the above mentioned Venus reference.

Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the final rejection, and issue a new non-final rejection with a new mailing date.

Respectfully submitted,

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